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SUBJECT: REGULATIONS ON EXPATRIATE WORKERS IN TRINIDAD

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1. THE REGULATIONS IN TRINIDAD CONCERNING PERMISSION FOR EXPATRIATES TO WORK IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED IN CASE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, ARE COMPLICATED AND BURDENSOME. THEY REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE EXPATRIATE WORKER, THE OWNERSHIP OF THE COMPANY IN TRINIDAD IN WHICH THE WORKER WOULD BE EMPLOYED, THE EXACT NATURE OF THE JOB, THE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO TRAIN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NATIONALS TO FILL THE POSITION, AND THE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF A NATIONAL TO PERFORM THE DUTIES. DECISIONS ON GRANTING OF WORK-PERMITS ARE MADE BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR WORK-PERMITS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY, GOVERNMENT BUILDING, KNOX STREET, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD. A DEPOSIT OF TT\$50. (US\$20.86) MUST BE PAID AT THE TREASURY FOR EACH APPLICATION. IF GRANTED,
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A WORK-PERMIT COSTS TT\$50 FOR EACH MONTH, WITH A MINIMUM OF TT\$100 (US\$41.72) PER PERMIT, AND MUST BE REVIEWED AND RENEWED AT THE END OF THE GRANTED PERIOD. TWO COPIES OF THE WORK-PERMIT APPLICATION FORM HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (ARA/CAR) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE MPEAA (MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA)

FOR ITS INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE USE.

3.THEREHAS NOT BEEN A CONSISTENT POLICY ON THE GRANTING
OF WORK-PERMITS, AND THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE APPEAR
TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED BY THE SUPPORT AND PRESSURE
WHICH LOCAL SPONSORS ARE ABLE TO BRING TO BEAR ON THE
PROCESS. UNLESS THE MPEAA CAN MAKE A VERY CONVINCING
CASE AND CAN GENERATE SOME LOCAL SUPPORT FOR ITS APPLI-
CATION, THE EMBASSY IS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT ITS CHANCES
FOR SUCCESS. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE MPEAA
MAY INQUIRE DIRECTLY WITH THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THE QUESTION AND MAY FORWARD AN
APPLICATION THROUGH THAT EMBASSY'S FACILITIES.
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